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Algona High School Homecoming games

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Courtney Schneider

In the Homecoming pep rally, students and staff will be competing in *Minute to Win It* games.

The AHS Student Senate picked a variety of games at their past meeting. The Kleenex race is where you take Kleenex out of the box one by one, as fast as possible. The egg race is where there is an egg in a pizza box and you have to cross a line to finish. Another game includes putting an Oreo on your forehead and you have to get it into your mouth. Another game includes two Kleenex boxes taped to your side with ping pong balls in them and you have to get the balls out. Another game includes a

bucket on your head and you have to catch as many tennis balls as you can. One more game includes a yo-yo around your waist and you have to swing it and try to knock over a bucket. There will also be a sweet corn race to see who can eat the corn the fastest, not the most. The last game will be where you have to get all the toilet paper off the roll as fast as you can.

As with the *Minute to Win It* TV show, you get the chance to practice. Feel free to try these games out at home in case you are one of the ones chosen from your class to compete.

Trout fishing trip

Royce Boleneus

On Saturday, September 4, some members of the AHS Outdoors Club went on a trout fishing trip to Coldwater Creek, near Decorah, Iowa. The trout fishing trip has become an annual fall trip for the Outdoors Club. Mr. Connick said the weather was perfect with sun, no wind, and in the 70s.

Several people caught fish and for lunch they grilled the fish they caught. Any time you can

spend a day in the outdoors is a great day. Mr. Connick said the highlight was when they hiked to the caves, "Being in that area is always a highlight; trout don't live in ugly places."

Overall the students who went on the trip had a good time. The Outdoors Club is always looking for future trips ideas. If you have an idea of a good trip, let Mr. Connick or Mr. Young know.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, September 25

1-8:30 p.m. - Hall & float decorating

Sunday, September 26

2:30-8:30 p.m. - Hall & float decorating

Monday, September 27

5 p.m. - AHS XC Invitational (Whittemore Golf Course)

5 p.m. - Freshmen football vs. Estherville-Lincoln Central

6:30 p.m. - Sophomore football vs. ELC

Tuesday, September 28

6 p.m. - Fr/JV/V volleyball vs. Eagle Grove

Wednesday, September 29

6:30 p.m. - Muscle Volleyball

8 p.m. - Powder Puff Football

Thursday, September 30

Vote for King/Queen in homeroom

6 p.m. - Fr/JV/V Volleyball @ Webster City

Friday, October 1

9:45 a.m. - Elementary pep rally

1:30 p.m. - Pep rally/coronation in gym

2:45 p.m. - Parade

5-7 p.m. - Booster Club Tailgate

7:30 p.m. Football vs. Nevada

Homecoming Dance (Commons)



Above: Students who went on the trout fishing trip pose for a picture. Left to right: Cole Nielsen, Gavin Meyer, Derek Person, Katie Connick, Ally Klepper, Patrick Sikora, Sophia Kaduce

Algona High School Crossing the finish line

Abby Foertsch

The Cross Country team traveled to Humboldt on Monday, September 20th. Teams at the meet included Boone, Garner Hayfield, Gilbert, Clear Lake, St. Edmonds, Fort Dodge, Woodward Academy, South Hamilton, Forest City, Humboldt, Iowa Falls, Emmetsburg, Mason City, Eagle Grove, and Clarion.

The girls' cross country team placed 5th overall. Allana Lauck placed 8th with a time of 16:36 and Tangy Wisemen placed 17th with a time of 17:13. Katie Green placed 37th, Paige Yi placed 39th, Kyle Klepper placed 40th, and Anna Zeller placed 41st.



Right: Christian Parker runs strong to the finish line at the Humboldt Invite.

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The boys' cross country team placed 6th overall. Ryan McMahon placed first with a time of 16:28 and Johnny Aboud placed 22nd with a time of 18:43. Joe Schattschneider placed 34th, John Krause placed 58th, Christian Parker placed 68th, Korey Kueker placed 80th, and Mason Altman placed 93rd. Johnny Aboud said, "We need to keep going strong."

The next cross country meet will be held on Monday, the 27th, at home at the Whittemore Golf Course.



Left: Allana Lauck runs past a Clear Lake competitor at the Humboldt Invite.

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Right: The swim team stands for the National Anthem.



Below: Melissa Zadow competes in the breast stroke.



Photos by Jim Gale

Swimming at home

Shannon Koestler

Last week, on September 16th, the swim team had their first home meet of the season. This was also the first meet at the Algona YMCA pool. They lost to Spencer 72-25, but won against Charles City 62-36.

First place finishes went to Hannah Priest in the 100 freestyle, the 200 free relay team, Nicole Kenne in the 200 free, the 400 free relay team, Missy Zadow in the 100 breaststroke, Alyssa Williams in the 200 IM, and Amber Schacher in the 100 back and 100 fly. Against Charles City they won 1st in 8 events and 2nd in two events. "It was a good night for the girls," said coach Fisher.

"They have been working hard and really wanted to do well in front of the home crowd."

The girls also had another meet at Charles City on Saturday, September 18th. Amber Schacherer got 10th in the 200 IM. Nicole Kenne placed 10th in the 200 freestyle and took 8th in the 500 freestyle. Abby Stroham took 9th in the fly. Alyssa Williams got 7th in the 100 fly and Hannah Priest took 5th in the 100 freestyle. Overall the team scored a total of 200 points, finishing in 6th place.

Their next meet won't be until Saturday, September 25th, in North Des Moines.

Sports

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A great start to a great season!!

Sierra Wegener

The Algona Bulldog varsity volleyball team took on Bishop Garrigan on Thursday, September 16th, and they traveled to Forest City for the Forest City tournament on Saturday, September 18th.

The AHS varsity volleyball team did a great job against Garrigan on September 16th. They won the first game 25-22, and then they ended up getting beat on the second game with a score of 21-25. The girls came back, winning the last two games 25-14 and 25-18. With the scores, the varsity team won 3-1 against Garrigan.

Then, on Saturday, September 18th, the varsity volleyball team traveled to Forest City for their tournament. The varsity volleyball team came out of the tournament winning it all! The team started

off playing Saint Ansgar, winning both games with scores 21-19 and 21-12. Then they took on Clear Lake, winning game one with a score of 21-19 and then losing game two 17-21. They then won the third game, 15-9. Later on they took on Forest City, losing the first game 8-21 and coming back on the last games with scores of 21-17 and 17-15. Next they took on NSK, winning both games 21-16 and 21-8. Their last game of the day was against Webster City. The varsity girls came out strong but ended up losing the first game with a score of 14-21. They came back and won the last games with scores of 21-12 and 15-9.

Their next Conference game will be on Tuesday, September 28th, playing Eagle Grove at home.

Right: Allie Simpson celebrates after getting a kill against Garrigan.

Photos by Jim Gale



Above: The Dawg Pound cheers on the volleyball team.



Left: Michael McMahon runs the ball against Clear Lake.

Don't give up without a fight

Macie Foster

The AHS football team is 0-4 for the season so far and are pushing themselves for a victory. "We'll keep trying our best!" Dylan Cink quoted.

On Friday, September 17th, the Bulldogs hosted a game against the Clear Lake Lions. Clear Lake's record going into this game was 3-0. With a final score of 0-42, the Bulldogs put up a good fight. The team had seven first downs

against Clear Lake. Dylan Cink ran the ball for 4 yards with 1 punt return. Sam Curtis rushed for 47 yards on 6 attempts. Blair Bradley completed 19 yards passing. Derek Person had the most tackles on the night, coming out with 6. Alex Wiseman was not far behind with 5 tackles.

Next game for the Bulldogs is Friday, September 24th, when they travel to Hampton Dumont.



Foreign exchange student

Royce Boleneus

Maren W. Renland is the 17 year old daughter of Paul and Beathe Renland. Her dad, Paul, is a paramedic. Her mom, Beathe, is a social worker. Maren has a brother and two sisters. They live in Norway. Maren arrived in Algona on August 10, after a 14-15 hour flight. Maren is staying with the Grethers and likes everything so far. The most challenging things to get used to has been the food and that she has a tendency to be quite shy.

Maren decided to come to the U.S. to experience new culture, new people, and independence. Her parents supported her in her decision to be a foreign exchange student. When asked if it was easy to become a foreign exchange student, Maren responded, "Not really; there are a lot of forms to fill out."

In Norway, Maren attends Danielsen High School. She will return there for her last year of high school and to graduate with her class. Some of the credits that she earns from AHS will count towards her graduating at Danielsen.

In Norway, Maren was active in soccer, which she has played since she was 7 years old. She plans to use her athletic ability to play basketball and volleyball while at AHS. Maren enjoys listening to music, working out, shopping, and hanging out with friends. She does

admit to having a Twizzler addiction! After graduating from high school, Maren would like to work within sales or perhaps be a social worker.

There are many differences between school in Iowa and Norway. At Danielsen, it depends on which classes you take, but Maren had two hours off per week. When they have classes off, you can do whatever you want, even if you're a freshman.

For lunch, students either go to a store and buy something or bring their own lunch.

The schedule for classes is different each day. A typical Monday for her could be two hours of English, then one hour with math, then a period off, then two hours with social studies.

Between the classes they get from 5 to 15 minutes before the next class begins.

Some days they start earlier or quit earlier. School days could go from 8:30-3:30, 8:30-7:45, or 9:30-3:00.

They also have one class that you're in and you would only see different people in certain classes. For freshmen, most of the time you spend your entire day in one classroom.

The teachers come to the students, not the other way like at AHS.

Every Thursday they would have one subject



Above: John Etler & Connor McGuire welcome Maren Renland to the Dawg Pound.

through the entire day.

Each student also gets a laptop from the school, which becomes theirs after high school. They use the computer to take notes and so on.

The high school levels are also different. Upper

Midterm

Courtney Pityer

This week, on Wednesday, September 22, 2010, was midterm. All current grades were submitted to the office. Any grades that are missing or late will be counted as zeroes in the gradebook.

Changes for study hall will also go into effect a few days after grades are submitted. Anyone who has grades that are D's and F's will be assigned to structured study hall until his/her grades are raised (at the end of the quarter). Seniors who are failing will lose open campus. Anyone who is in structured study hall right

secondary school is 8-10th grade and high school is 11-13th grade, but they call it 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade.

Be sure to say "Hi" to Maren.

now will continue to be in structured study hall until the end of the quarter. Other people who are passing all their classes will continue to spend time in the commons. Study halls that meet during lunch will continue to meet in the library for study hall.

Anyone who is in structured study hall and want to be in commons have until October 22, 2010, which is the end of the quarter to raise his/her grades.

"Use your time wisely and do well academically," says Mr. Heitland.

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Algona High School Shooting

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victory

Alexa Studer

AHS FFA members traveled to the Annual Manson Northwest Webster FFA Trap Shoot competition on Saturday, September 11th. The boys were determined to win the event since they've gotten so close previous years. Out of the 19 teams that participated, the AHS FFA team placed 2nd. Garner/Ventura was first with 58 out of 60 possible points. Algona finished in a close second, with 56 out of 60 points.

After all the

individual scores were counted, all the tied scores were separated by a shoot off on the line. There was a maximum of 20 birds possible for each team member. Cody Buscher came in 3rd with 19 birds, Brandon Lee was 4th with 18 birds, 6th place was Brett Laubenthal, 8th place was A.J. Wagner with 17 birds, and 11th place was Chase Pfeffer.

Out of all the 70 members who participated, the Algona FFA did a fantastic job.



Above: The students who competed in the trap shooting competition pose for a picture.

Front Row: Chase Pfeffer & Cody Buscher

Back Row: Brandon Lee, AJ Wagner, & Tyler Laubenthal

for Attention seniors!

Katie Green

Attention all seniors, the time to apply for colleges and scholarships is now! You may be thinking, "I have plenty of time to apply," but you really don't. You need to start applying for college right now because it takes a while to process your application.

To apply for college, you can look at the college online and fill out an application. If you are having trouble applying, you can go to Mrs. Stein for help.

You may also be thinking, "How in the world will I pay for college?" Scholarships can really help in paying for college these days. Apply for your local and state scholarships as soon as possible. Some Algona Community School Foundation scholarships are the Thompson, Seifrit, Hoenk,

and Mahana scholarships. The deadline for local scholarships is April 1, 2011. Mrs. Stein has a packet of scholarship information in her office.

Another reminder for ALL seniors, get your senior pictures in to Mrs. Spear by December 20, 2010! She only has a few people who have turned their pictures in. You need two of your favorite wallet size pictures, one for the yearbook and one for the newspaper. You will not be getting these pictures back. The pictures must be vertical and Mrs. Spear prefers that the pictures are headshots.

So seniors, even though graduation is 8 months away, you need to stay on task and get these things done to be prepared for college.

Baby Think It Over

August Thronsdon

"I don't want to have kids," "I cannot sleep," "It made me want to punch myself." These are all responses from people who did the Baby Think It Over for Child Development class.

The Baby Think It Over is an infant simulator. It is a lifelike, life-sized baby doll with real computerized responses. It keeps a record of everything, good and bad, that happens to it so that the teacher can see how the student did. Some things it keeps track of are how long it cried before being comforted and how long it was between diaper changings. The doll is meant to allow teens to experience some demands of infants.

Many schools and organizations use the Baby Think It Over to help teens appreciate the responsibilities involved in parenthood. The Baby Think It Over is mainly meant to help teens avoid sex, unwanted pregnancies, and STDs.

Young people with children often have reduced education, employment opportunities, and a poorer quality of life. 55% of teen pregnancies end in birth, 31% in abortion, and 14% in miscarriages.

Hopefully this experience helps everyone think about their actions and how it may affect them in the future.

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Want a thrill?...

Carly Sansone

As one of the most haunted places in Iowa, the Cylinder schoolhouse has been the scariest topic of the week.

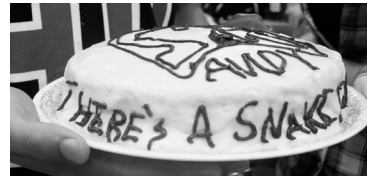
Some students at AHS have been searching for the schoolhouse that got burnt down years ago. Legend has it that the children and teacher who died from the fire still play there to this day. This schoolhouse was located outside of Cylinder and it was only one room.

A lot of students at AHS have tried finding this burnt down area but only a few have. Rachel Weiland said, "We should have brought flashlights. It was creepy! The area is hidden, so you would have to walk pretty far into the woods to find where the schoolhouse was." Some people have claimed that there is

an abandoned house right across the street from the woods, which adds more suspense. Ashley Norland states, "I was so scared, I ran into Carly's car! It hurt!"

Former AHS student, Barnett Curry, has claimed to hear little kids' voices by the schoolhouse. He said he never believed in ghosts, spirits, or the Cylinder schoolhouse legend. "You'll never believe it until it happens to you," he states.

If anyone wants to take a chance and go find the burnt down schoolhouse, then listen up. Head west on Highway 18 and take a right on 550th Street, right before Cylinder. Once on that road, take a right on 360th Street until there are woods on both sides. Start walking on the right side into the woods and good luck!



Cake!!!

Richie Baxter

Mrs. Bormann's Food and Nutrition II class was working on its cake-decorating unit. Tina Banwart from Ottosen came to demonstrate different kinds of cake for the class. She demonstrated how to make a butter-cream, 2-layer cake and a fondant, 2-layer cake. Banwart also did many different cupcakes.

On September 17th, Mrs. Bormann's class decorated their own cakes. There were many different creative



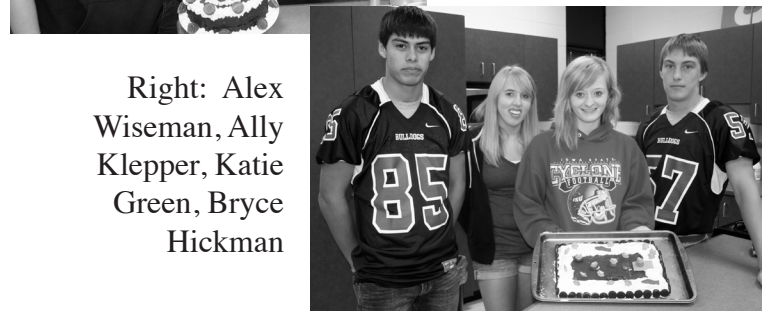
cakes that were made that day, from a Reese's happy face cake to one filled with blue Jell-O.

"It was a fun activity and there were some great examples of creativity! Tina was awesome and I was glad she was able to come demonstrate for the class," said Mrs. Bormann.

All of the pictures of the different cakes to look at in your free time are in Mrs. Bormann's room.



Left: Amanda Claussen, Casey Heinen, Bryana Dodd, & Michael Vandenhemel



Right: Alex Wiseman, Ally Klepper, Katie Green, Bryce Hickman



Left: Brandon Aument, John Etler, Jordan Mains

Top 10 haunted places in Iowa

10. Abraham Lincoln High School Auditorium
- Des Moines
9. Mathias Ham House - Dubuque
8. Drake University Observatory - Des Moines
7. C.Y. Stephens Auditorium, Iowa State University
- Ames
6. State Penitentiary - Fort Madison
5. Slater Hall, University of Iowa - Iowa City
4. Buddy Holly Crash Site - Clear Lake
3. Independence State Mental Hospital
- Independence
2. The Black Angel of Oakland Cemetery
- Iowa City
1. Villisca Axe Murder House - Villisca